

Polk County Advisory Board of Health Minutes

May 20, 2022

Members present: Reylon Meeks, Simon Geletta and Anne Bacon

Members Absent: Thomas Newton, Jen Olson

Agenda Items	Summary
<u>Approval of Minutes</u>	• April minutes approved
<u>Building Relationships with Ethnic-Community Based Organizations (ECBO): One COVID-19 Vaccine at a time</u> <i>By Nola Aigner Davis, Public Information Officer</i>	• Des Moines has a very diverse population for a medium sized Midwestern city • Why program created? Barriers encountered are religious, political, medical mistrust and cultural • Worked with RACI (Refugee Alliance Central Iowa) to create Community Health Workers Program • Identified and train 30 leaders, over the course of 3 meeting of the ECBO's to develop culturally and ethnically appropriate curriculums to spread the facts about COVID-19 disease and vaccinations. Paid \$20 per hour • Funding for program from Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, Mid- Iowa Health Foundation and IDPH grants • Multiple means of outreach included 1:1 and group meetings at several refugee faith locations, Facebook, WhatsApp, Zoom, YouTube videos • CHW educated and an average of 1,100 people and 700 hours of outreach monthly • PCHD was able to build and sustain relationships with new ECBO's which will help moving forward as we move to solve other health issues
<u>Director Update</u> <i>By Helen Eddy</i>	• COVID-19 cases are on the rise
<u>Board of Health/Board of Supervisors Action Review</u> <i>By Scott Slater</i>	• COVID-19 Response funding from IDPH to be spent on upgrades to Health Department technology, whole body scanners at PC Jail, and air handling/purification systems at PC Juvenile Detention and Central Iowa Shelter and Services
<u>Program Updates</u> <i>By Kari Lebeda Townsend</i>	• COVID-19 cases are increasing along with testing and hospitalizations, deaths remain low. Outbreaks in schools, LTC (6), businesses, colleges • Final school nurse meeting held- will meet with smaller group over summer • Monitoring and testing if needed those in county exposed to highly pathogenic avian influenza • Working with new IDPH Hep B coordinator on a new model for follow-up up of cases • Few monkey pox cases have been reported in US
<u>Committee Member Comments</u>	• None
<u>Public Comments</u>	None
<u>Adjournment</u>	9:10 am

Next Meeting June 17, 2022 at 8:30am

Others present:

Kari Lebeda-Townsend, PCHD

Helen Eddy, PCHD

Scott Slater, PCHD

Andrea Petrovich- County Attorney